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SUBJ: POLISH PROPOSALS IN MINING TECHNOLOGY

REF: A. STATE 70025, B. WARSAW 1869

1. AS REQUESTED IN REF A, THE SCIATT DISCUSSED ON APRIL 5 THE 16
POLISH MINING PROPOSALS WITH MINISTRY OF MINING (MOM) OFFICIALS
SKWARA AND KAHANEK.

2. FOR REASONS GIVEN IN REF B SKWARA REGRETTEED MOM'S INABILITY TO
FINANCE YANCKI'S AND SCHMIDT'S TRIP TO POLAND FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON
THESE PROPOSALS. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THIS DECISION IN NO WAY
DIMINISHED THE HIGH PRIORITY ASSIGNED TO THESE PROPOSALS.

3. MOM CONSIDERS THE 16 PROPOSALS EQUALLY IMPORTANT, PROVIDED ALL
ARE APPROVED WITHOUT MAJOR REVISIONS. IF CERTAIN ADDITIONS ARE
MADE TO INCREASE THE SCOPE OF EXISTING APPROVED PROJECTS,
THESE EQUAL WEIGHTS TO ALL 16 PROPOSALS WOULD BE REEXAMINED TO
ASSURE THAT MOM'S INTERESTS ARE PROTECTED.

4. SKWARA SAID MOM SHARES THE BUREAU'S CONCERN THAT THE
INTERESTS OF BOTH SIDES BE FULLY REPRESENTED IN THE REVISED
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PROPOSALS. MOM IS PREPARED TO SEND TO THE US A
DELEGATION OF UP TO THREE SPECIALISTS (HEADED
PRESUMABLY BY SKWARA) WITH AUTHORITY TO REVISE PROPOSALS
AS APPROPRIATE AND SIGN BINDING CONTRACTS.

5. SKWARA REQUESTED BOM TO FULLY AND PRECISELY IDENTIFY
PROBLEMS CONCERNING THESE PROPOSALS AND TO OUTLINE SUGGESTED

REVISIONS. HE SAID THIS PHASE OF NEGOTIATIONS COULD BE CONDUCTED THROUGH CORRESPONDENCE, BUT HAS TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE TALKS IN WASHINGTON.

6. COMMENT: BOM SHOULD BE AWARE THAT, IN ADDITION TO POLISH REGULATORY CONSTRAINTS ON TRAVEL OF AMERICANS FOR POLISH PROJECT FORMULATION, MOM HAS TEMPORARILY FROZEN VIRTUALLY ALL FOREIGN TRAVEL OF ITS OFFICIALS. SKWARA SAID THAT THE NEW MINISTER OF MINING, WLODZIMERIZ LEJCAK, WAS CONCERNED ABOUT CRITICISM HE HAD HEARD OF TOO MUCH RECENT MOM TRAVEL TO THE US AND TOO FEW RESULTS. IN VIEW OF THIS, BOM SHOULD NOT EXPECT AN EARLY ARRIVAL OF POLISH SPECIALISTS FOR TALKS IN WASHINGTON. THE TRAVEL FREEZE DOES NOT APPLY TO APPROVED PROJECTS WHOLLY FINANCED BY THE US SIDE. END COMMENT.

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